



Division of Financial Assistance

Grant News

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PROPOSITIONS 13, 40 & 50 GRANT TIMELINE

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/docs/granttimelines.pdf>

These propositions provide the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) with authority to issue loans and grants totaling \$1.27 billion and covering 34 programs. As of October 31st, the State Water Board has committed \$886 million (70%) of the funds, covering 604 projects.

PROJECT SCHEDULES & SUMMARIES

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/grantinfo.html>

Project Schedules are listed by funding source and provide the current status of awarded grants.

Project Summaries, listed by project name, provide a brief summary for each executed Grant Agreement.

FUNDING FAIR –NOVEMBER 4th

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/fundingfair.html>

DFA will host a one-day Funding Fair in Sacramento. Currently over 200 attendees have registered. To help us plan and reduce delays upon arrival, we encourage pre-registration.

The purpose of the Funding Fair is to provide an overview of current and upcoming funding opportunities, and tips for completing your application, negotiating a grant agreement, and managing your grant. Updates will be provided on recent improvements to our grant process.

DFA has invited partner agencies to share information about a broad range of available funding opportunities. Interested parties can sign-up for the "State Water Board Funding Fair" e-mail list on-line.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html

DAIRY WATER QUALITY GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/dairy.html>

The State Water Board received 19 proposals requesting \$17.5 million in grant funding. Total funding available is \$5 million (Proposition 50).

The first Selection Panel meeting was held on October 21st and included representative from five agencies and four regional boards. The final Selection Panel meeting is scheduled for December 15th.

2005-06 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/consolidgrants0506.html>

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) continues to work with staff from the Regional Water Boards, US EPA, and other partner agencies in developing priorities and guidelines. Total available funding is approximately \$153 million.

Draft Guidelines are in the final review stage and will be posted soon. Listed below are the programs funded through the consolidated grant process, the amount of funds available, and the applicable funding source.

Program	Funding	Prop
Coastal NPS Pollution Control	\$43.1 M	50
NPS Pollution Control	\$19 M	40
Urban Storm Water	\$14.25 M	40
Integrated Watershed Management	\$47.5 M	40
CALFED Drinking Water Quality	\$3.4 M	50
CALFED Watershed	\$6 M	50
Agricultural Water Quality Grant	\$8.9 M	40
Agricultural Water Quality Grant	\$6.3 M	50
Federal 319(h) NPS Implementation	\$4.5 M	

The CALFED Watershed solicitation will be released separately from 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Process. This decision was made to avoid confusion resulting from the release of the Department of Water Resources' CALFED Watershed Project Solicitation Proposal.

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>

The Integrated Coastal Watershed Management planning grant funding list was approved the State Water Board on October 20th. The Department of Water Resources Director is considering final approval of the funding list at this time.

The State Water Board received 50 Step 1 Implementation proposals. Review of proposals is ongoing. Application requests exceeded \$1 billion. Total funding available is \$148 million.

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SMALL COMMUNITY GROUNDWATER GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/scg-gw.html>

The Competitive Project List has been posted and will be presented to the State Water Board for adoption in November. There are 16 projects in Rank 1, estimated at approximately \$18.5 million competing for the \$9.5 million in grant funding available.

SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/scwg/index.html>

Staff is continuing to work with applicants identified on the October 2004 Competitive Project List to approve projects and finalize grant agreements. DFA will continue to make grant commitments as long as funds are available. To date, approximately \$5 million has been committed of the \$30 million available. The Competitive Project List is currently closed to new projects.

WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/recycling/index.html>

Water Recycling Funding Program staff is currently reviewing 25 Proposition 50 construction grant applications, totaling approximately \$59.5 million, from a ranked list that was adopted by the State Water Board in April 2005. Total available funding is \$42 million.

In October, three construction projects were approved for funding totaling approximately \$5.8 million.

Staff is reviewing applications for the Proposition 13 Facilities Planning Grants. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis pending available funding. Funding is limited to a 50% match up to a maximum grant of \$75,000 per facilities planning study. During the month of October, \$75,000 was committed.

AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/awqgp/index.html>

Staff is continuing to work with grantees to finalize agreements for grants approved in June.

The remaining funds, approximately \$15 million, will be distributed through the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants process.

STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) PROGRAM

The State Water Board approved revisions to the SRF Loan Policy to incorporate principles of "sustainability." The amendments integrate sustainability into the SRF Policy consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2005-06.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/srf_comment.html

The State Water Board authorized the sale of up to \$300 million in revenue bonds to further leverage the program. Press Release #05-021 can be viewed at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/2005.html>. Staff has resumed making preliminary funding commitments to projects.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/docs/consolidgrants0506/srf_acceptapplications.pdf

CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/beaches/index.html>

The Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) met on October 12th to review Proposition 40 Phase 2 proposals that were submitted by the end of September. To date, approximately \$12.9 million of the \$22.2 million available has been assigned to nine projects. DFA staff is working with the recipients to secure the funding.

The Task Force made a recommendation to modify the Competitive Location List. DFA staff will present the recommendation to the State Water Board at their January 2006 meeting.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION (PAEP) GUIDANCE

Staff recently completed development of guidance and tools for preparation of Project Assessment and Evaluation Plans (PAEP). The first round of training on what a PAEP is and how to use the guidance and tools was held in October. The new PAEP guidance and tools can be found on the DFA web site in early November at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/index.html>

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SWAMP TRAINING

The SWAMP Program will offer training in November that compliments the PAEP training held in October. This training is designed to assist grantees, stakeholders, and partner agencies, in development of monitoring designs and quality assurance for their projects while maintaining compatibility with SWAMP requirements.

The training will be held in Sacramento at the Cal EPA Building and in Riverside at the Cal Tower Building on the following dates:

11/16 – Monitoring Design – Sacramento

11/17 – Quality Assurance – Sacramento

11/29 – Monitoring Design – Riverside

11/30 – Quality Assurance – Riverside

For more information please call Revital Katznelson
510-622-2470 or go to <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/academy>.

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